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FIRE AND EXPLOSION WRECKS PROJECTILE LOADING HOUSE OF THE BETHLEHEM STEEL COMPANY'S BIG MUNITIONS PLANT NEAR NEW CASTLE, DEL.



RUSSIA FACES NEW MENACE IN CIVIL WAR

Cossacks Meet Bolsheviki STOREKEEPERS BENEFIT in Furious Battle Near Bielgorod

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 12. icial German news agency. This almost stationary. the negotiations with Germany.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.

Dispatches from Washington tate that authentic information has state that authentic information has reached there of occupation by the Japanese army of the great railroad terminal of the Trans-Siberian Railway. The dispatches point out Fanci the importance of the occupation,

LONDGN, Dec. 12.

layed, reported the first actual clash between Bolsheviki and Cossack who rebels around Tamanovka, about eighteen miles from Bielgorod. The cubbages.

STOCKS BREAK BADLY AUSTRIAN BATTLESHIP ON NEW YORK 'CHANGE TORPEDOED AND SUNK

Further Liquidation Results Wien Sent to Bottom While in Losses of From 1 to More Than 3 Points



NEW YORK, Dec. 12. Continued liquidation today sent many railroad and industrial stocks to new low records. No single cause could be found for the sacrifice, which in commission houses was generally explained as real liquidation, but Washington news that Justice Brandels might become director of railroad operations and the money situation were partly blamed. Continued liquidation today sent many rector of railroad operations and the money situation were partly blamed. The railroad shares were particularly The railroad shares were particularly under pressure and recorded losses ranging from 1 to more than 3 points. following elight improvement early in the agriculture.

the session.

One of the heaviest losers was Northern Pacific, which sold off as much as
by points to 78%, and Pennsylvania
declined to another new low record price

Of 41%, off a quarter.
United States Steel common and Industrial Alcohol were among the heaviest losers of the inddstrial group, both selling off more than 2 points.

COST OF FOOD TAKES NEW JUMP

Advance in Retail Prices Ranges as High as 15 Per Cent

by Jay Cooke, Federal food administrator for Philadelphia, shows an in-RED VICTORY RUMORED crease in the retail prices of most of ec. 12. to previous administration prices having Demobilization of Russian forces failed to give the retail dealer a fair has begun, according to the semiof- profit. The wholesate prices remained

The greatest increase is in fresh west tuthority also declares peace negotia-tions on the Russian front have been suthorized. General Oherbatchoff, it raised 17 per cent, the maximum now suthorized. General Oherbatchoff, it being 28 cents. Chickens also share a said, has been designated to open bargels in the general increase of prices. Heavy stewing fowls advanced 14 per cent to 33 cents per pound, and medium and light-weight fowls increased about

BUTTER RISES IN PRICE

ter increased lifty-nine cents from the last price of fifty-six cents per pound print, good creamery tub and cold stor-age butter each advanced one cent a pound. In the case of butter the retail profit is not increased. Russia's civil war has apparently Price was raised proportionately.
Eggs remained fairly steady, showing

Dispatches today, all greatly deage candled firsts and cold cracked and dirty thirds in I wholesale and the retail price. No price was issued today for sugar, potatoes, lard, beans, turnips, onions or

Cossacks were part of a force com-manded by General Korniloff, well furnished with arms, machine guns

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Trying to Run Allies'

Sunday night while trying to run the blockade which British. French and blockade which British. French and Italian warships are maintaining on the Italian warships are maintaining on the towns had been captured.

Midway between Jerusa en and Jahu gotiable coupon bonds at your desk; he said the British line had been adbeen and Sheik Hobeid-This was the experience of Secretary of Palid, north of Midish, both of which towns had been captured.

Col. W. M. Thompson, of the financial

Vienna today, Some of the officers and seamen were lost, but the Austrian Admiralty asserts that most of the crew were raved.

HELD AS BOMB PLOTTERS

Six Aliens Arrested for Conspiracy to Blow Up Ships

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Six enemy aliens suspected of participation in a conspiracy to place time bombs on outgoing steamships carrying foodstuffs and other supplies to the ports of the Allies were today held without ball for trial on January 27.

The men are said to have been em-

ARE YOU A JUDGET The men are said to have been employed on the steamship Friedrich der Grosse prior to the beginning of the war.



VICTIM OF EXPLOSION Theodore Jacobson, of Harrison, N. J., chief of police at the Bethlehem Steel Company's munition plant near New Castle, Del., who was instantly killed by a shell in today's blast.

ALLENBY OCCUPIES TWO MORE PALESTINE TOWNS

Conqueror of Jerusalem Pushes Advance North of Jaffa Road

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 12.

The Austrian battleship Wien was sunk by a torpedo in the Adriatic on Sunday night while trying to me.

Army Recruiting Breaks Record WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Recruiting for the regular, army again yesterday broke all records, 2401 enlistments being reported this afternoon. This figure does not include returns from Chicago. Kansas City and Indianapo.is, which will probably turn in 1600 more.

New Orleans Results

FIRST BACS, two-year-old maidens, claiming, purse 1400, 6 furicine; Iris T. 102. Wells...... 6 to 1 2 to 1 even 2 colonel was for 2 colone sey. Beaufful Katheryn and Honey Suckle also 720. SECOND RACE, 1 1-16 miles: Tours, 100, Kowau ... 0 to 2 7 to 5 1 to 2 Lynn, 110, Sterling ... even 2 to 5 Fruron II, 102, Johnson ..., 2 to 5 Time, 200,

Skaters Find Ice Fair on Three Park Lakes

There is skating on Gustine, Hunting Park and Concourse Lakes today, and the ice is fair.

WOMEN, SNUBBED, FRESH TEUTON

Pennsylvania Suffrage Head Says Liquor Interests Rule Senator

By M'LISS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12. Embarrassed by the fact that they did rose the courtery of a licaring which the confor Senators from other States bate granted today to delegations of suffragists from their commonwealths, the

Pittsburgh, the previous of the Peunsylvania State Sufrage Association, is nuthority for the statement that should Senator Pencose help to defeat the Federal amendment which the worsen are bending every effort to have passed by

host for today in the place of Penrose. The renior Senator of every State to-day has corralled into his office his junior nator and all the representatives of

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Colonel Thompson Couldn't, Wireless Word Reports Crew So He Sat Up All Night With It

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12. How would you like to have some A United States patrol bout has been one enter your office and calmiy deposit sunk off here in collision with two other a suffcase containing \$2,560,000 in ne- vessels, the identity of which has not gotiable coupon bonds at your deak? Yet been established.

at the secretary's office with a suitcase from New York. "What have you there?" inquired the

secretary, indicating the suitcase. "Something for you," replied the olonel. "Two and a half millions." "Take it out of here!" the secretary almost shouted, and the colonel did. It being too tate for the banks, the

at a local hotel, and he sat up all night The bonds were the collateral fur-nished by the Packard Moter Company a let for an advance loan on War Department too orders, as required by law.

colonel was forced to take it to his room

Alleged Hold-Ups Wear Khaki Alleged Hold-Ups Wear Khaki
NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Three men in
khaki, claiming to be United States soldiers, were arrested today in Brookiyn
suspected of holding up an all-night restaurant and stealing \$200. They gave
their names as John Dudley, Herman
Schaefer and John Scott, and said they
were attached to the Wyoming troops
at Camp Mills.

Marshal Stockham developed the fact
that Xander had failed to report to the
that Xander had failed to report to the
Attorney General of the
United States.

His wife repented her action after the
arrest and clung to her husband as he
was being taken from the police section
to the Marshal's office.

ASSAIL PENROSE TROOPS HURRY TO WEST LINE

REFUSED THEM HEARING Enemy Feverishly Pushes Plans for Great Stroke on Front

not dare to ask of Scuator Boles Pen- AUSTRIANS ON FRONT

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMS WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN

Pennsylvania woosen who are hero for the forty-minth anomal convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association educe out today with the charge that liquor interests represented by Penrose are controlled by ferman and pro-tlerman interests.

Moreover, Mrs. John O. Miller, or Dittalpush, the president of the Penrose. flocks of German planes endeavored unsuccessfully to prevent British aviators from searching out just such information.

Early this morning the Germans developed a very heavy gunfire on the British northern flank. Their concentration of air forces was the It developed also today that the Pean-sylvania women were "thrown down" by Senator Philander C. Knox yesterday closed. British aviators reported when they requested that he act as their seeing great lines of motor lorries bringing up fresh German troops.

The German ligh command is fever his State to need the suffragists of his particular State. The Pennos ivania women, however, have gone separately are at stroke on the western front. Disand uninvited to the offices of their variance today reported vast forces being ous Congressment to ask support for the Federal amendment Senator Knot, along the France-British line. More whe told thely committee yesterd sy that German airplanes than have been seen in gaining suffrage, added that he could not honestly receive their delegation in the interest of the Federal amendment.

COULD YOU SLEEP IF U.S. PATROLBOAT SUNK YOU HAD \$2,500,000 OFF ATLANTIC COAST

and Much of Ship's Equipment Saved

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Dec. 12.

Wireless dispatches here stated that the crew of the patrol vessel was saved and a great deal of her equipment relivision of the Signal Corps, arrived moved before she sank. Only the most meager details of the collision were contained in the radio message telling of the

WORD OF WIFE RESULTS IN ALIEN ENEMY ARREST

Woman Repents Action and Hangs asserted. to Husband's Neck Following His Apprehension

BALTIMORE, Dec. 12.—Denounced as an allen spy by his wife, following a quarrel, William Xander, one of many a len elemines ordered out of Washington by the recent action of the Govern-ment is held today for an investigation for the Federal authorities. An investigation by United States Marshal Stockham developed the fact

QUICK NEWS

BASKETBALL SCORES

4-13 CENTRAL SOPHS. . 0 7-7 CENTRAL SRS.... 9 CENTRAL JRS... 5 6-11 CENTRAL FRESH. 9

JENKINTOWN # . 13 12-25 NARBERTH H 10 9-19

ADDITIONAL RACING RESULTS

Third New Orleans race, 6 furlongs-Pilsen, 119, Relsey, 2 to 5, 1 to 6, out, won; Adalid, 118, Lowder, 7 to 5, 1 to 3, second; Paw, 115, Willis, 8 to 5, third! Time, 1.19 1-5.

NEWS PRINT MAKERS' ORGANIZATION DISSOLVES

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 .- The News Print Manufacturers' Association met here today and adopted resolutions formally dissolving the association. This follows Federal Judge Mevers's ruling that the organization was working in restraint of trade,

NEW YORK SUGAR SHORTAGE RELIEVED

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 .- The sugar shortage here was relieved today by distribution of 7,000,000 pounds to wholesalers. An additional 7,000,000 pounds is moving to points in nearby States. under supervision of the refiners' distributing committee.

BONAR LAW ASKS \$2,651,000,000 WAR CREDIT

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Chancellor of the Exchequer Bonar Law moved a Her tears were pitiful until credit of #559,000,000 approximately \$2,651,000,000) in the House of Commons

SENATORS SEEK TO RELIEVE FUEL FAMINE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The Senate investigation of the coal shortage will begin at once. Chairman Reed announced today that coal will be taken having recently obtained work up before sugar in an effort to find an immediate remedy for the fuel famine plant. in States where thousands are suffering in zero weather. Rood vill announce

BERLIN CLAIMS ADVANTAGES IN AIR

BERLIN (via London), Dec. 12,-During November Germany's enemies lost twenty-two captive balloons and 205 nirplanes, against Germany's losses of two captive balloons and sixty airplanes, an official statement today

MUNITION EXPLOSION BLOW TO GERMANY

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Explosion of the big chemical factory of Griesheim. near Frankfort, on November 22, is declared to have caused destruction of one of the greatest munition factories in the world. The disaster is comparable to a very serious military defeat. The factory was of prime importance as a source of synthetic nitrate and played a leading part in the production of poison gas. Scores of trained workmen and specialists were killed.

SPAIN'S WAR SPIRIT ROUSED BY SINKING OF SHIP

MADRID, Dec. 12.-The torpedoing of the Spanish steamship Claudio has provoked a storm of indignation. Even the moderate newspaper, the Peralde, declares that continued German aggressions must force Spain to defend her territories. The Government is urged to make a vigorous protest to Ger-

BIG MUNITION PLANT SWEPT BY EXPLOSION

Bethlehem Company New Castle Works Are Damaged

WORKMAN KILLED: BUILDINGS RAZI

Incendiarism Suspected Rigid Investigation Is Being Made

ONE MAN UNDER ARREST

Fifteen thousand winch and a shells exploded today in the nunlth plant of the Bethlehem Steel Company, mile below New Castle, Del., blowing large buildings to pieces and several small ones, but killing man and slightly injuring fiv The property loss may reach \$250,000.

The man who was killed was The The man who was killed was Theod Jacobson, Iwenty-seven years old, it was chief of the police force at the pl With Sergeant Walls, of the poforce, and John Berry, a foreman in plant, Jacobson was walking along high wooden wall waich surrounds plant when a flying piece of steel state struck him and tore off the top-left side of his local. He was him to the plant when a chief two wars were also before the way him to be the control of the top-left side of his local. He was him to be the control of the top-left side of his local. instantly. The other two men w injured:

Suspecting the fire to have b incendiary origin, guards arrested Laill, in Italian, who is said to considerable influence among the for element at the works. He is

Federal agents, Deputy Coroner M. Creary, of Wilmington, and Superinte dent Parris, of the plant, began an ivestigation immediately after the plosion. The fire is regarded as a tremely suspicious by the authoritis according to Mayor Cavander, of Science.

TENSE SCENE FOLLOWS ARREST Lalli's arrest was followed bedramatic scene outside the plant. wife hartened to about him, fearing that he had killed. Guards refused her any info-tion, increasing her fears for big so

seen in the building shortly befor explosion. A point in his favor is he helped fight the fire after the sion. He is fortly years old and a t

under arrest.

of them women, in the plant at the of the explosion. That the easied was not greater was ascribed fact that the shells were loaded a N. T. minus the shrspnel; that in tion of trolley service, due to short coal at the selection.

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FORECAST For Philadelphia and ricinit settled tonight and Thursda probably snow; slowly rising to ture, with lowest tonight about

green; moderate to fresh LENGTH OF DAY
Sun rives . 7:14 a. m. ' Sun ceta.
DELAWARE RIVER TIDE C

CHESTNUT STREET
Low water 650 a.m. | Joy was
High water 125 a.m. | High was
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tographs of the Horrors of the Halifax Explosion Appear in This Edition of the Evening Public Leds